

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards

The events over these past few weeks have been a unique and difficult experience that our City has had to endure. With all the new developments that are occurring daily (sometimes multiple times a day) to the various scams out there that take advantage of the generosity of our community and residents, we always try to keep you updated with the most recent and accurate information by posting on our website and Facebook page. We know that this is a trying time for everyone, but we are all in this together and I know that our community has, and will, continue stepping up to support one another as we have demonstrated the “Cedar City Way” so many times before.

Recently, Governor Herbert issued a new set of directives related to the coronavirus. The “Stay Safe Stay Home” directives are set to take effect until April 13, 2020. The most important points for all individuals were:

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Work from home whenever possible.
- Encourage socializing by phone and video chats.
- Self-quarantine for 14 days after traveling or being exposed to an individual presenting symptoms of illness consistent with COVID-19.
- Engage in appropriate social distancing (6-ft. distancing), no shaking hands, no visiting friends, no attending gatherings of any number of people.
- Follow strict hygiene standards (wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer often, avoid touching your face, cover coughs/sneezes with sleeve or elbow, regular cleaning surfaces)

To view the full directive, you can visit the Governor’s website at: <https://governor.utah.gov/2020/03/27/governor-issues-stay-safe-stay-home-directive/>.

He also published a plan for Utah’s health and economic recovery. It’s called “Utah Leads Together”. It states: “The Utah Leads Together economic response plan recognizes the value of facing uncertainty with a dynamic, data-informed, and unified plan. It gives structure and order, to what can otherwise be an unclear and difficult reality. The plan conveys three phases of response: Urgent, Stabilization, and Recovery. These phases help businesses correctly balance the health of employees with planning imperatives necessary for continuing operations. The time estimates of the phases give businesses the ability to set concrete objectives during a period of uncertainty. The time horizons give employees of those businesses confidence for a return to normal work and household patterns. Stability from directionally correct plans forms the basis of our economic recovery.”

Phase 1, the Urgent Phase, we are in now and it is expected to last 8-12 weeks, beginning March 16th. The objective is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through strict social distancing measures. If we can all do our part during this phase, it will lessen the time for the other phases and jump start our economic recovery.

Phase 2, the Stabilization Phase, is expected to last 10-14 weeks. This phase will provide promising medical treatments and continue towards a complete economic recovery. In this phase, we innovate.

Phase 3, the Recovery Phase, is expected to last 8-10 weeks. We continue towards promising medical treatments and restoring economic confidence. In this phase, we overcome.

To read the complete plan, go to: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/the-utah-leads-together-plan/>.

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PUBLIC WORKS

With the extra amount of time we are spending at home as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and follow the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” directive, why not utilize this opportunity to get a jump start on spring cleaning and preparing for our annual City Spring Clean-Up?

STREETS:

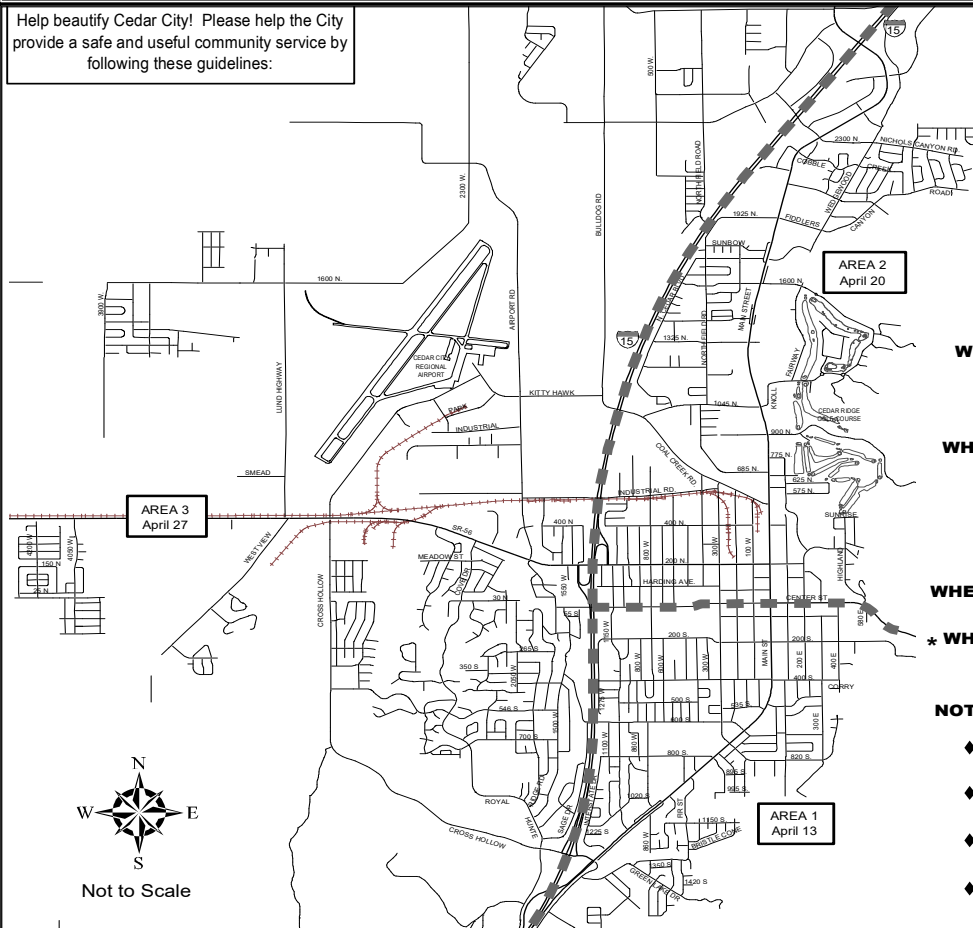
The Street Division will begin Spring Clean-Up in April 2020. This year crews will begin collection as follows:

- Area 1: South of Center Street and east of 1-15 on April 13, 2020
- Area 2: North of Center Street and east of 1-15 on April 20, 2020
- Area 3: West of 1-15 on April 27, 2020

- Crews will begin collection in each area on a Monday. **Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday and WILL NOT return to streets that have already been completed.**
- Please have your debris out on the curb **by 7:00 AM** on the Monday your area is scheduled for the clean-up to begin. Please do not put debris out more than one week before your scheduled clean-up date.
- A maximum of one (1) 10-wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence.
- Debris must be in front of the curb on the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property. City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood including pallets and crates, asphalt, dirt, rocks and concrete. Tires — 4 or less per pile (NO RIMS.)
- We will **NOT** pick up furniture, carpeting, appliances or electronics. All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street by those who placed them there.
- This service is provided to Cedar City residents, **except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and is NOT for commercial or industrial properties.**
- Please keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week and the following week so that City crews can sweep the street.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 435-586-2912.

Help beautify Cedar City! Please help the City provide a safe and useful community service by following these guidelines:



CEDAR CITY SPRING CLEAN-UP 2020

* Spring Clean-up map has changed *

(Please note new dates, area number rotation and what are acceptable materials that will be picked-up.)

WHO: This service is provided to Cedar City Residents, except those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). **This is not for Commercial or Industrial Properties.**

WHEN: Cedar Collection crews will begin in each area on a Monday. **Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, or return to streets that have been completed.** Have your debris out on the curb by 7:00 A.M. the day your area is scheduled for clean-up (See Map). **Do not put debris out more than one week before your clean-up dates.**

WHERE: Debris must be in front of the curb in the street. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property.

*** WHAT:** Brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood, including pallets and crates. Asphalt, dirt, rocks & concrete. Tires, 4 or less per pile (No Rim's). No Furniture or Appliances

NOTES:

- ◆ Please keep vehicles off street during your scheduled week and the following week so that city crews can sweep the street.
- ◆ A maximum of one 10 wheeler dump truck load will be picked up at any one residence.
- ◆ Cedar City citizens are encouraged to report illegal or improper dumping of materials.
- ◆ **All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street.**





PUBLIC WORKS

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WATER: Per City Ordinance 37-7.1, water restrictions on irrigating with culinary water between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. go into effect April 1, 2020 and continue through October 31, 2020. This restriction is in force every day of the week. First violations will receive a warning. A second violation will have their water supply shut off and will be required to pay a \$25.00 reconnection fee. A third violation will result in the water supply being shut off and will be required to pay a \$100.00 penalty plus a \$25.00 reconnection fee. **All fines and penalties shall be paid in full prior to the restoration of water service.** Please be mindful of conserving our water. For information on water conservation, please visit www.conservewater.utah.gov.

If you want to have your water meter turned off before you turn the stop-and-waste on (sprinkler system), please contact Public Works at (435)586-2912. **DO NOT** get into your meter barrel. The meter needs to be turned off and on by an authorized City Water Division Employee.

AIRPORT:

You may have seen a lot of construction activity at the Airport the last several weeks. As many of you may know, our Airport is shut down currently to commercial flights. We are in the process of reconstructing the runway to meet the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. We are doing this in a 2-phase project. We have done this approach in order to keep one-half of the runway open during the construction period for the small general aviation flights and for any services we need to come into Cedar City, but the Delta/SkyWest commercial flights to Salt Lake City are suspended during this construction. The first phase which has already begun, included milling up one-half of the runway as well as a realignment of the safety fence on the northwest end of the Airport. You have probably seen a lot of earth work going on in that area. This is in preparation for the fence alignment required under FAA standards. Once Phase 1 is completed and open, Phase 2 will begin by closing the other half of the runway and repeating the process. We anticipate the completion of these 2 phases and have our commercial service restored by July 19, 2020. There will be continued projects to clean up the Airport that will continue after the reopening on July 19, 2020, but we are not anticipating these other phases affecting the commercial service. We appreciate everyone's patience during this time and look forward to reopening and providing the safe, affordable, convenient service that we have enjoyed previously.

*The Public Works Department can help you with maintenance of streets, water lines, water meters, water leaks, sewer lines, missed trash pickups, replacement trash cans, streetlights, etc., but we can't help you set up new service or pay bills. We're happy to forward these calls to the City Utilities Department, but to help save you frustration from being transferred from department to department, please call **(435)586-2951** for questions about your utility bills, pay your bill or set up new services with the City.

EAC April 2020 Employee of the Month - James "JJ" Wood



James "JJ" Wood began his firefighting career in 2008 when he graduated from the Cedar City Fire Department recruit academy after completing all the tests and interviews that were required to become a Volunteer Firefighter for Cedar City. JJ quickly mastered the knowledge and skills associated with the fire service which secured him a position on the full-time staff in 2011. Because of his skills and positive "can-do" attitude, JJ was selected as the lead instructor for the last two Cedar City Fire Department Recruit Academies, which he has successfully ran for over two years with one class graduating and another successfully under way. In addition, JJ plays a key role in the Cedar City Fire Departments wildland program. JJ is one of our Engine Boss qualified leaders and deploys out of the area each summer to assist with fighting wildland fire. As an Engine Boss, JJ is responsible for representing Cedar City Fire Department and bringing his crew home safely after completing arduous and difficult assignments. Because of his willingness to help other communities in need and selfless attitude, JJ has played a huge role in the department's earnings from wildland fires, which has allowed the department to purchase a brand-new Type 1/Type 3 fire engine. The community is, without a doubt, a much safer place with JJ on board.

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**THANK YOU JJ FOR EVERYTHING
YOU DO!!**



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Locally, we also need to look for ways to help our Cedar City Businesses in this critical time of need!! The recent economic impact of the Coronavirus on Cedar City's business community is a primary concern, and there are multiple loan programs now available to assist small to mid-size businesses during this critical time. We recognize that these loans won't solve all COVID-19 related challenges but may still provide some much-needed relief. Below is a brief overview of three loan programs that offer immediate assistance to eligible businesses:

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). As part of the recently passed CARE Act, the Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses, authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and other expenses.

- Available for payroll expenses, rent or mortgage, and utilities
- Self-employed, independent contractors, sole proprietorships, can apply
- Qualify with up to 500 employees and \$35 million in revenue, although depends on industry
- Maximum loan size of 250% of average monthly payroll costs or up to \$10 million
- Covers wages up to \$100,000
- Interest rate of no more than 4%
- 8 weeks of assistance
- Can convert into grant with complete loan forgiveness if employers maintain their payroll and keep employees, and if loan proceeds were used for eligible purposes
- Retroactive to Feb 15, 2020 to help bring back workers who have already been laid off
- Backed by the Small Business Administration

U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. All businesses located in Iron County are now eligible to apply for low-interest loans through the Small Business Administration.

- Loan amounts of up to \$2 million per entity
- Repayment terms of up to 30 years
- 3.75% interest rate for small businesses, and 2.75% interest rate for nonprofits
- Principal and interest waived for the first 6 months of loan
- Emergency grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible small businesses and nonprofits are available in 3 days

Utah Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program. Beginning March 31, 2020, the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development is offering a bridge loan to Utah-based small businesses with 50 or fewer employees impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This loan uses \$8 million in repurposed state economic development funds to provide gap funding to Utah's small business community.

- Loan amounts vary from \$5,000 to \$20,000 with a 0% interest for up to a 60-month period
- Loan amounts shall not exceed three months of demonstrated operating expenses
- Loan payments are deferred for 12 months

As these programs continue to roll out, Cedar City Economic Development is dedicated to keeping our business community updated. For further details, updates and information go to: <https://cedarcity.org/1289/Coronavirus-Emergency-Loans>

We just wanted to remind all of our residents that many of our local restaurants have made curbside pickup and delivery available during this financial crisis. We are fortunate to have such a wide variety of family-owned restaurants and we should all try and support them as much as we can. The Tourism Office has a complete list of restaurants that offer these services. For the list and a map of participating restaurants, go to: www.visitcedarcity.com/support-local-dining-cedar-city.

SUU also has some resources available for businesses. The SUU Business Resource Center can help you with questions regarding your business. They, along with their partners, offer extensive resources, coaching, and business expertise that can help you with starting a business during this economic crisis. Their StartSmart seminar is an opportunity for people that would like to start a business to learn the basics and how to get started. This class is taught by a SCORE representative and the class reviews risks and rewards, entry strategies, business plans and a lot more. The meetings with the counselors are absolutely FREE. They are temporarily located inside the Southwest Tech building at 757 West 800 South. For more information, you can visit their website at: www.suu.edu/business/brc. If you have questions, you can reach them by calling (435)865-7707 or by email at: brc@suu.edu.

Census 2020 Update

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape the future of our community. Census results have an impact on planning and funding for health clinics and highways, fire departments and disaster response, education programs, and so much more.

In this unprecedented time of Utah's COVID-19 Stay Safe, Stay Home directive, now is the time to respond to your census request online, by telephone or through the mail. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and is required by federal law to be conducted every 10 years. For more information visit: census2020.utah.gov.

You Matter. Be Counted.